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QUEEN LIL ASKS \$250,000

Claims American Marines Wreathed
Country From Her.

Washington.—After years of vain endeavor to obtain compensation for the loss of her kingdom, Liliuokalani, former queen of the kingdom of Hawaii, Thursday appeared in person before the house committee on claims to press her claim. The queen is willing to accept \$250,000 as a complete settlement.

She contended that only by the assistance of American marines had the kingdom been overthrown and the crown lands wrested from her, and further that she had a life interest in them entirely independent of the throne.

Nothing in the dress of the former ruler hinted of regal splendor, unless a large bunch of aigrettes in her little black hat might be considered queenly. A brown velvet dress trimmed in black and partially concealed by a loose coat clothed the diminutive figure of the claimant.

After the hearing the former queen held an informal reception. All the members of the committee were introduced to her, but she did not get her money. The committee will consider the subject later.

HAVE COMMERCIAL SERFDOM

Declaration of Governor Johnson
Used by Lecturer.

Chicago.—In the Kremlin fear of revolution blanches the cheek of the czar; in the United States there is smoke that might be fanned into flame.

This statement made by Gov. Johnston of Minnesota to Dr. Samuel P. Johnston, formerly head of the department of political economy, University of Wisconsin, was quoted by the latter in an address before the political science club of the University of Chicago.

"The governor told me that it is our duty as a nation to prevent conflagration by stopping the manufacture of such inflammable material as the trusts and special privilege," said Dr. Johnston. "He said that the price of good government is good citizenship, even at the sacrifice of party affiliation."

"Minnesota's executive said that the principles of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln have been supplanted by the influence of Harriman, Armour and Rockefeller, and that Washington founded a nation of freedom which now submits to commercial serfdom."

KERN CHARGES TREACHERY

Defeated Candidate Says He Was
Victim of Double-Dealing.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The selection of R. F. Shively of South Bend as nominee for United States senator by Democratic members of the State Legislature, was followed by a statement from John W. Kern, who was Shively's strongest opponent. Concerning the secret ballot, against which Kern made a hard fight, he says it made possible not only the betrayal of constituents by their representatives, but all sorts of treachery, double dealing and corrupt practices. It is a matter of great regret that under the cloak of the secret ballot so many representatives were able to defy the will of their constituents. I have in mind several counties where the sentiment for my nomination was practically unanimous, and that sentiment was well known to their representatives, and yet those representatives deliberately betrayed the people and voted for a man who, in any primary, would not have received a handful of votes in those counties.

THROWING EGGS CHEAP.

Cost One Dollar in Arkansas to Cast
an Egg at Jeff Davis.

Little Rock, Ark.—One dollar and costs is all that it costs to throw an egg at a United States senator in Arkansas. When Senator Davis was stuffing the State during the late gubernatorial race in the interest of Attorney General Kirby, he barely missed getting egged at Bellefont, four miles east of Harrison. Walter Cantrell threw an egg, intending it for the senator, but it missed the mark and hit the gentleman accompanying Senator Davis. For a considerable length of time no one knew officially who threw the egg, but finally the truth was brought to light, and young Cantrell was arrested. He was found guilty today and fined \$1 and costs.

WANT WARD LOCAL OPTION.

Indiana Getting Local Option Down to
Unit of Representation.

Indianapolis, Ind.—A bill to repeal the county local option law passed at the recent special session, and a bill for a township and ward local option law, in keeping with the Democratic State platform expected to precipitate the most warfare of any measure during the session, were introduced by Representative John Sweeney. The act simply proposes to wipe the county local option law from the statutes.

AWFUL DEED OF QUARRY MAN

Demented Father Cuts Throats of
Four Children.

Mankato, Minn.—One by one, as his four children descended the stairs from their bedrooms Tuesday James York, a quarry worker, Bradley's Crossing, slaughtered them all with a knife. Then he went into a woodshed and hanged himself.

An elder daughter, Ida, did not go down with the children. When she descended, a few minutes later, her brothers and sisters lay dead on the floor; their bodies huddled together and their throats cut from ear to ear.

She fled in terror to the woodshed to alarm her father. In the dim light in the shed she stumbled over his corpse. The strand of wire by which he hanged himself had broken and his lifeless body had fallen to the floor.

ACRES OF COAL COMING.

Ten Million Bushels Are Floating
Down the Ohio.

Louisville, Ky.—Acres of coal, the first of the shipment of 10,000,000 bushels from Pittsburgh, which has been delayed in the upper bends of the Ohio river, are coming down the river for the South. The coal came on a rise in the headwaters. All night long steamers followed the five which arrived here during the course of the day, some of the coal being left for this city, the remainder going through the canal and southward.

Because of the low water in the canal here the big towboats had to be swapped and returned to Pittsburgh, while lighter tows carried the shipments along. This is the first coal which has been able to be floated for 218 days, because of low water.

MYSTERY ENDS IN SUICIDE

Minister Who Murdered Carpenter
Cuts His Own Throat.

Carthage, Ill.—Rev. John H. Carmichael, who, in the little Methodist church at Rattle Run, Mich., killed Gideon Browning, the village carpenter, and then burned his body in the stove, committed suicide here Monday by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

In a long letter found in his suit case, Carmichael told in detail the story of the killing of Browning, how he had fallen a victim to Browning's hypnotic power and meeting him in the church Tuesday night, was compelled to obey every command; how finally, when Browning attacked him with knives, Carmichael defended himself with a hatchet. After killing his victim with the hatchet, he said, the red-hot stove in the church suggested itself as the best method of disposing of the body. Before putting the body in the stove, however, he exchanged some of the dead man's clothing for his own, which had become bespattered with blood.

BEEF COST EXPERT HEARD

Unwilling Witness in Trust Inquiry
at Chicago.

Chicago.—Thomas Hoops, beef cost expert for Morris & Co., was on the stand before the grand jury for more than three hours in the beef trust inquiry, and from his unwilling lips is said to have been drawn the secret of just how the combine has been collecting rebates from the railroads.

Discovery is said to have come from his testimony that all beef shipped by the packers to and from their branch plants and the Chicago stock yards is valued in the shipping bills at about two and a half times the actual selling value.

The result is that for every \$10,000 worth of claims for damages or delay the trust has been getting \$25,000 from the railroads. This system is said to have been operated with the consent and connivance of the railroads. Those railroads which refused to enter into the deal got no business.

PRESIDENT'S SALARY RAISED.

House Committee Reports Favorably on
\$100,000.

Washington.—An amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000 and the salaries of the vice-president and speaker of the house of representatives to \$20,000, was reported favorably to the senate from the committee on the judiciary. The amendment was then referred to the committee on appropriations.

Fatal Fight With Farmer.

Danville, Ky.—R. L. Conner, farmer, and Deputy Sheriff Ivery Hammon engaged in a pitched battle, and both will die. Conner was shot five times and Hammon three times, each shot taking effect. Hammon went to the home of Conner to serve summons on him to appear in Circuit Court. Conner refused to obey, and the fight ensued.

Blizzard in Texas.

Austin, Tex.—Austin and Texas is suffering from the severest spell of weather known in fifteen years. The thermometer Tuesday night registered 18 degrees above zero and is still falling. The reports from the West, where the cattle ranges are located, are to the effect that there is much suffering among the animals and it is most likely that there will be a great many lost, as a sled prevailed all during the morning hours, which will chill them to the marrow, and the high winds blowing will not help their condition any.

THE NEW CHICK



DISPENSARY FOR OKLAHOMA

Election at Which Dispensary Was
Voted Out Held Illegal.

Guthrie, Okla.—In an opinion by Chief Justice Robert L. Williams, the State Supreme Court Wednesday held that the liquor dispensary, or state saloon system, which was disapproved by a vote of the people on November 3, was illegally submitted and therefore the system is still in force. The opinion sustains the decision of Judge Huston in the district court here.

"The submission was illegal," says Judge Williams, "because the proposition contained two separate and antagonistic questions, the repeal of the system, and an amendment to the constitution compelling the voter to give but one expression on the two."

Following the election on November 3 Gov. Haskell, by proclamation, had declared the dispensary system defeated, but the court decision today holds the proclamation a nullity.

BILLS AGAINST JAPANESE.

Same Measure Was Killed Last Year
at Request of President.

Sacramento, Cal.—The three anti-Japanese bills introduced in the assembly by Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento and A. M. Drew of Fresno, prohibiting aliens from holding lands in the state, have attracted wide interest.

The Johnson bills are designed to prevent Japanese from becoming directors of corporations; to segregate their children in the schools and to segregate all Japanese by defining the limits in which they must live. The two first named were introduced last session by Mr. Johnson, and action upon them was suspended at the telegraphic request of President Roosevelt, and Japan protested the action of the San Francisco school board in excluding Japanese youths from public schools and assigning them to institutions set aside for "Mongolians." The Japanese claimed they were not Mongolians, and Assemblyman Johnson introduced an amendment, specifying "Japanese" in the law. It was this measure to the enactment of which the president objected, and it was killed.

The bill relating to directors of corporations prohibits all aliens from being members of such boards, and its purpose is to prevent competition by powerful Japanese concerns with Americans.

\$161,018,000 FOR PENSIONS

Nearly Four Billion Dollars Has
Been Expended in Cause.

Washington.—An appropriation of \$161,018,000 for pensions was agreed on by the committee on appropriations in the drafting of the annual pension appropriation bill. This amount is over \$2,000,000 less than the appropriation last year, which was \$163,053,000.

In the report to the house it will be shown that the republic has expended since its beginning \$2,731,108,800 in pensions. The committee inserted in the bill a provision that the eighteen pension agencies throughout the country be reduced to one, to be located in Washington. Congress has twice failed to agree to such a proposal.

Pardons 250 Convicts.

Guthrie, Okla.—In a special message to the legislature today Gov. Haskell submitted the recommendation of the state board of control, who are members of the Kansas prison probe committee, that all Oklahoma prisoners now at Lansing, whose terms are more than two-thirds expired, to have less than one year to run, or who are under 18 years old, be paroled. Such a course, if pursued, would free about 250 prisoners and enable the accommodation of those remaining at the temporary penitentiary at McAlester.

Was Bridegroom Murdered?

Ronoke, Va.—Relatives of William A. Andrews, the young bridegroom whose dead body was found swinging from a tree near town, after he had been missing for a week, believe he was murdered. At the grave in Bedford county today, interment was stopped by an uncle of the dead man, who demanded an examination of the body. It is said Dr. Kahler found several holes in the breast, one of them leading to the heart. The wounds are believed to have been made with a hot pin.

PRESIDENT'S HORSEMANSHIP

Arises Early and Rides 98 Miles in
One Day.

Washington.—President Roosevelt on Wednesday rode 98 miles on horseback, and when he dismounted at the White House door, more than seventeen hours after having departed therefrom, he did not show any marked signs of weariness.

The object of his long day in the saddle was to "prove to the critics who have found fault with the recent order requiring all army and navy officers to take a physical test that if a president, who is not in training can ride 90 miles in one day without being laid up in bed thereby, it should not be too much to ask the men who are supposed to be in the best of physical training all the time to ride 90 miles in three days."

Mounting his faithful rider and jumper "Roswell" in front of the White House door at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday, he dismounted at the same place at 8:40 p.m. The journey was to Warrenton, Va., and back.

On the return trip the last 30 miles of the journey were made in sleet and rain, while the last 15 miles were in almost pitch darkness.

100 PERISH IN EXPLOSION

Lick Branch Colliery Scene Is of
Awful Death.

Bluefield, Va.—Again the earth trembled today and that unknown gaseous substance in which there is more deadly energy and destruction to the atom than in tons of dynamite, let go in the mines of the Lick branch colliery and snuffed out between eighty and one hundred lives. It was in the same mines where two weeks ago fifty miners were killed by a similar explosion.

Above the tons of earth and stone that lay between the workings and the mountain's crown giant trees quivered from the force of the concussion, and from the mine mouth the forces of the earth set free belched forth a cloud of flame, soot, dust and debris, heavy timbers, broken mine cars, and even a massive motor, used to haul the heavy-laden cars from the depths.

Scarcely had the detonation died away before a throng of terrified women and children rushed to the mine mouth and implored those there to allow them to aid in the effort to save some of their loved ones who might still be alive within.

BILL TO FIX JURISDICTION.

Representative Humphreys Wants State
to Agree.

Washington.—In order to settle the jurisdiction of crime committed on that section of the Mississippi river separating Mississippi from Arkansas and Louisiana, Representative Humphreys of Mississippi introduced in the house two joint resolutions giving Mississippi the power to enter into an agreement with each of the other states named to fix a boundary line. The resolution also grants the right to those states to cede, each to the other, lands that are separated from the main body of the state by the waters of the Mississippi.

Mrs. Coghlan Gets Pension.

Washington.—A pension of \$50 per month for Mrs. Julia B. Coghlan, widow of the late Rear Admiral Coghlan, one of the heroes of Manila Bay, who died recently in New York, was agreed to by the house committee on pensions.

Can't Print Whisky Ads.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Georgia Anti-Saloon League today announced that the league will prosecute newspapers of the state for printing whisky advertisements, on the ground that these papers are hired agents and solicitors for whisky houses, in violation of the state prohibition law.

Sues Night Riders.

Paducah, Ky.—Ali H. Cardin of New Albany, Ind., until recently a resident of Crittenden county, Ky., filed suit in the United States Court here against William Neal and about one hundred other alleged night riders of Marshall, Crittenden, Caldwell, Trigg and Lyon counties, claiming they burned his tobacco warehouse at View, Ky., on the night of February 8, 1908, and compelled him to leave the State. Cardin is a well-known Populist and about ten years ago ran for governor on the Populist ticket.

Kentucky Gleanings

Most Important News Gathered from
All Parts of the State.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Grand Jury Probing.

Judge C. E. Booe, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for stealing from the state, was taken before the grand jury. Considerable anxiety is felt to ascertain why he was taken before the jury, and further sensations are expected.

Auditor James Wants Extra Session.

State Auditor James declared that Gov. Willson should call an extra session of the legislature, free of any entanglements, to pass a county unit local option bill. He says the republican party in Kentucky is pledged to pass the bill.

Governor Issues a Requisition.

Gov. Willson issued a requisition on Gov. Marshall of Indiana, for the return of John D. Richardson to Louisville to face a robbery charge. It was expected that when Indiana elected a democratic governor the first requisition from Kentucky would be for W. S. Taylor and Charles Finley, but in the change of offices the governor of Kentucky is a republican.

Will Cause Radical Changes.

J. G. Crabbe, superintendent of public instruction, has received opinions approved by Attorney General Breathitt that will make radical changes in conducting common schools. In one it is held that no teacher has the right to share in the school fund unless that teacher has a certificate of qualification from a board of examiners. In another it is held that it is the duty of the state superintendent to withhold any part of the school fund due any city or school district for noncompliance with all the school laws.

Chinn To Look After Racing Interests.

Col. Jack P. Chinn, of Harrodsburg, has been nominated for representative on the democratic ticket. As chairman of the state racing commission he will be able to do valuable service to the horsemens. He drafted the racing-commission bill and had it passed.

Clean Bill Given Insurance Company.

David Meriwether, of Louisville, submitted to Insurance Commissioner C. W. Bell the result of his examination of the Intersouthern Life Insurance Co., of Louisville, in which he says he found the company in good condition.

Chosen To Carry Electoral Vote.

The democratic state electors selected Robt. L. Thornbury, of Campbellsburg, messenger to carry the 13 votes of Kentucky to Washington to be cast in the electoral college for Bryan and Kern. They adopted resolutions commending the party's leaders.

Reports of a Break Denied.

It has been strongly intimated lately that members of the governor's official family were ready to declare war on him because they have not been advised with about matters that have recently come up, but Gov. Willson says such reports are groundless.

Booe Found Guilty.

Judge C. E. Booe, of Flemingsburg, former assistant auditor and claim clerk, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years in the Franklin circuit court on the charge of forgery. He waived arraignment, confessed his guilt and asked for mercy.

Traction Companies Score a Victory.

Traction companies won a sweeping victory in this state when the state railroad commission ordered the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Co. to make suitable connection with the Blue Grass Traction Co., at Georgetown. The effect of this decision is that the steam transportation lines throughout the state must make connections with the electric traction lines, and in the future car load lots and half car load lots will be delivered along the lines of the electric roads.

Louisville, Ky.—The Louisville Bowling

association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Fleming G. Harper, president; E. B. Addison, vice president; Joseph Kuhn, second vice president; Jesse Voltmer, secretary and treasurer. Louisville will probably vote for Milwaukee for the 1910 tournament, and for Garry Herrmann as president of the A. B. C.

Lexington, Ky.—The fiscal court for

Fayette county fixed the rate of taxation for 1909 at 47 cents on each \$100 taxable property with an additional 3 cents per \$100 for school purposes on all property lying outside the city limits, and county expenses \$173,550.

Burkesville, Ky.—Lillbom Phelps,

an attorney of Jamestown, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination to represent the Sixteenth district in the state senate. So far he has no opposition.

Owensboro, Ky.—T. S. Anderson,

under indictment for wrecking the Daviess County Bank and Trust Co., gave notice to Commonwealth's Attorney Hingbo that he will apply for a change of venue at the special term of court that convenes in Owensboro to try the charges against him.

Paris, Ky.—A six-foot rise in Stone

creek as the result of recent rains has put the water supply of Paris on a run basis. The creek is still rising.

Owingsville, Ky.—Fire here destr-

ed three buildings, a clothing store, furniture store and barber shop, with contents. Loss is \$25,000. Insurance about \$15,000.

Somerset, Ky.—Dr. Samuel Scott,

a prominent physician and nephew of Senator William O. Bradley, was adjudged insane and taken to the Central asylum. Grief over the death of his brother is probably the cause.

Covington, Ky.—The annual report

of police department shows 1,541 arrests; safekeepers, 1,132; misdemeanors, felonies, drunks, etc., 1,534; fines collected \$1,516. The department has but 46 night and day patrolmen for a population of about 60,000 people; salaries, \$52,781.50.

Louisville, Ky.—Believing that the

passage of the proposed postal savings bank law would be prejudicial to the smaller banks, concentrating too much money in the government vaults, the Kentucky Bankers' association will oppose its passage, and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

Stearns, Ky.—The Lexington com-

pany of the state guard under Capt. Jones, who have been doing duty here, were relieved and returned home. Careful investigation caused officers to be fully convinced that Perry Simpson and his gang have left the area and no further trouble is feared.

Lexington, Ky.—The shocking news

was received here that Clarke Tandy, one of the most brilliant and widely-known young men of this city, and nephew of Dr. Clarke, had been found dead in his bed at the Collegiate Preparatory school at Lawrenceville, N. J., in which Mr. Tandy had ten days ago assumed the duties of an instructor.

Lexington, Ky.—In circuit court

Britton, of Breathitt county, charged with the assassination of James Cockrill at Jackson, was dismissed the prosecutor believing conviction impossible. This wipes out all indictments for murder in Breathitt county cases on the Fayette docket having been brought here on change of venue. Britton was sentenced here to life imprisonment for the Cockrill murder, but the appellate court gave him a new trial.

Lexington, Ky.—Mal. David H. Cas-

tleman, owner of Clifton farm, Shakerstown, Ky., and son of Gen. John B. Castleman, of Louisville, will leave here for Cuba, to become the general manager of an extensive plantation located near Bahia Honda, 50 miles west of Havana. The plantation is owned by a company of American capitalists and is to be devoted to the breeding of saddle horses and mules and to the raising of tobacco and citrus fruit on an extensive scale.

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Paducah, Ky.—Under Section 160 of

the constitution Circuit Judge W. N. Reed decided that George Walters, democrat, was legally city treasurer of Paducah, and John F. Dorian, republican, was an usurper. Both have been filling the office. After Dorian was elected in November, 1907, the question of his eligibility arose. Walters was elected last November and sued to oust Dorian. Judge Reed held that no official handling public money was eligible to succeed himself. An appeal was taken.

Barbourville, Ky.—The United Mine

Workers of America may take charge of the defense of the miners at Stearns charged with defying injunction and engaging in a battle with federal officers on Christmas day. Attorney R. H. Golden, who has had charge of the litigation involving union miners in this end of the state, went to Stearns at the solicitation of the United Mine Workers of America, and will investigate the situation. It was an attempt to unionize the Stearns plant that led to the difficulty Christmas day.

Covington, Ky.—Judge Harbison

sustained a demurrer to the petition of the delinquent tax collector in the case of the collector against the United States Express Co., holding the city of Covington has not the right to assess a franchise tax against the company.

Sharpsburg, Ky.—John and Falk

Manley, farmers of this section, have received word that the government has issued vouchers for \$125 for horses they surrendered in the civil war. They were in the Confederate army.